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Please find below the periodic thematic digest on 'Water and Hazards, Issue 23 (6 August 2011), prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network.

Regards,

Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

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News from Regional Member Countries (RMCs)

1. Myanmar: Water Level Of Thanlwin River At Hpa-An Above Its Danger Level

1 August 2011

According to (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level at Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (761) cm has exceeded by (1) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

Source: <http://bit.ly/p24EEt>

2. China: Rain-Triggered Floods In N China Leave 13 Dead, 3 Missing

31 July 2011

Thirteen people have been confirmed dead and 445,500 have been affected by rain-triggered floods in the east of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region since July 1, said local authorities. More than 8,000 houses were damaged, including 3,300 which were toppled. Over 2,500 cattle died, and more than 70,000 hectares of crops were ruined, according to the regional flood control and drought relief office.

Source: <http://bit.ly/oXc4WR>

3. Pakistan: Improved Health Services For Mothers And Newborns In Flood-Hit Villages

29 July 2011

Children and families continue to cope – and rebuild their lives – a year after devastating monsoon floods struck Pakistan. This is one in a series of stories on their situation, one year on.

Source: <http://bit.ly/pkaCWO>

4. Bangladesh and the Netherlands to share flood research

28 July 2011

Flood-prone Bangladesh and the Netherlands are planning to exchange research findings and share experience on managing floods, which are projected to worsen because of climate change, reports SciDevNet. A five-year research programme worth €700,000 (US\$1 million) will aim to strengthen the capacity of institutions and communities to deal with moderate and extreme floods. The programme was announced last month (27 June) and will be hosted by the Wageningen University and the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

Source: <http://bit.ly/qZ2eg1>

5. Bangladesh: Floods Displace 20,000 In Southeast

26 July 2011

The homes of more than 20,000 people have been completely destroyed by the floodwaters," Rafiqul Islam, district relief and rehabilitation officer (DRRO) for Cox's Bazar, told IRIN, with another 84,000 homes partially damaged. The newly displaced add to the more the 400,000 people already forced from their homes and unable to return due to rising floodwaters. When they will be able to return remains to be seen.

Source: <http://bit.ly/n4s7pF>

6. China: Provinces Invest In Disaster Prevention

20 July 2011

Sichuan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Chongqing and Hunan are areas highly vulnerable to geological disasters after July, when the flood season peaks. About 97 people were killed and 49 injured in the first half of the year, causing direct economic losses of about 939 million yuan (\$144 million), according to the statistics. Wei Hong, executive deputy governor of Sichuan province, said at the conference that 2 billion yuan will be invested this year in improving the local geological disaster prevention system.

Source: <http://bit.ly/qOYGOB>

7. India: Flood Situation Alarming In State

19 July 2011

Assam Government today sounded an alert across the State after flood waters breached embankments and submerged roads and houses in Lakhimpur, Dhemaji and Sonitpur districts, affecting around 2.5 lakh people, officials said today, reports PTI.

Source: <http://bit.ly/qWYfsQ>

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Global News

1. Korea: Democratic People's Republic Of Korea: Floods DREF Operation

2 August 2011

CHF 453,413 has been allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Red Cross in delivering immediate assistance to some 15,380 beneficiaries. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

Source: <http://bit.ly/q197et>

2. Africa: UNISDR's Parliamentarian Initiative Helping To Move Disaster Risk Reduction Forward From Political Commitment To Concrete Action

29 July 2011

In Africa, Members of Parliaments from Uganda are in the process of setting up an official disaster risk reduction Committee of Parliamentarians that has been approved and budgeted by the government. Parliamentarians in Latin America have been crucial in supporting the UNISDR-led World Disaster Reduction Campaign.

Source: <http://bit.ly/pNTBB7>

3. South Korea Landslides: Seoul Residents Warned Over Exposed Landmines

28 July 2011

South Koreans have been warned to beware of exposed landmines and explosives after the heaviest rainfall in a century caused landslides in and around the capital which killed more than 70 people and swamped homes and military installations.

Source: <http://bit.ly/puSCL1>

4. Global: UNESCO-IHP And IAHS Organize Symposium On "Water Quality: Current Trends And Expected Climate Change Impacts"

27 July 2011

The International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO and the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS) jointly organized the Symposium on "Water Quality: Current Trends and Expected Climate Change Impacts" during the XXV IUGG General Assembly "Earth on the Edge: Science for a Sustainable Planet" in Melbourne, Australia, on 4-5 July. The objective of the Symposium was to bring together scientists from around the world for a dialogue on the evaluation of climate change impacts on a wide range of water quality issues and for sharing research findings in this area with the wider scientific community.

Source: <http://bit.ly/qilWvx>

5. Philippines: Awareness On Disaster Risk Reduction Management, Results In Mitigation

27 July 2011

Media assistance and regular communication with updated information provided specially through a link with PAGASA weather daily report, people everyday are provided weather situations. They are even made more aware with hotlines provided so that they can ask and be made aware now of disaster risk reduction strategies.

Source: <http://bit.ly/nV2ZXE>

6. France: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant Awarded To UNESCO-IHE And Partners

20 July 2011

UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and partners were awarded a US\$8 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant will be used to excel postgraduate sanitation education and research with a focus on solutions for the urban poor in sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia. This 5-year capacity building and research project was developed by Prof. Damir Brdjanovic, Professor of Sanitary Engineering at UNESCO-IHE and his team.

Source: <http://bit.ly/o6RXEC>

7. UK: Integrating Water With Climate Change Adaptation Plans

1 July 2011

This policy brief, published by the UK Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, argues that water resource management should not be overlooked in plans for climate change adaptation in Africa.

Source: <http://bit.ly/qG4xNj>

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Events

1. 19-21 August 2011

**International Conference on Disaster Management - Preparedness, Response & Rehabilitation
Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India**

Call for Participation

This conference would provide an excellent forum for exchange of information & its deliberation would help identify recent improvements & developments in areas of disaster prevention & management methods.

Deadline: 5 August 2011

Contact: Vinita Sharma, icdm.ioas.india2011@gmail.com.

Event website: <http://bit.ly/oGYekX>

2. 22-23 August 2011

**Business Continuity Management and Disaster Recovery
Wellington, New Zealand**

Call for Participation

This 2 day event is for the first time to explore key learning from the recent Canterbury earthquakes. Hear from many case studies on coping with disaster and the continuing challenges faced. Participate in a 2 hour interactive business continuity exercise based around the simulation of an overwhelming natural disaster and learn how to actively prepare yourself and your business for the magnitude of the resulting challenges.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: General inquiry, reception@conferenz.co.nz

Event website: <http://bit.ly/n06RVh>

3. 15 September 2011

**Global Conference on Disaster Management
Chicago, Illinois, United States**

Call for Participation

The Global Conference on Disaster Management is the premier event that addresses issues common to all aspects of disaster and emergency management.

Deadline: Rolling

Contact: Howard Yang

Event website: <http://bit.ly/nxOFNt>

4. 19-22 September 2011

**Climate Changes and Natural Hazards in Mountain Areas "MOUNTAINHAZARDS 2011"
Dushanbe, Tajikistan**

Call for Abstracts

The main topics of the conference are: Investigation of hazardous natural processes and the experience in monitoring and risk mitigation; and research of relations between current climate changes and hazardous processes in mountain environment.

Deadline: 15 August 2011 (Extended)

Contact: Michal Cerny, papers@mountainhazards2011.com
Event website: <http://bit.ly/n3sW2H>

5. 5-7 October 2011

2011 CEPS Conference - 'Risk and Resilience: Redefining Security'

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

For your Information

The aim of this conference is to bring together state-based, national, and international policing and security scholars and practitioners to identify, discuss, and analyse our understanding of risk, preparedness and resilience.

Deadline: Not available

Contact: Kylie Baker, k.baker@griffith.edu.au

Event website: <http://bit.ly/rsmxzQ>

6. 16-17 December 2011

Programs and Actions on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change: From Post-Disaster Reconstruction to the Creation of Resilient Society

Tokyo, Japan

Call for proposal for a session

In response to the Tohoku disaster that hit Japan on March 11, 2011 the conference will focus on ways to create social and physical resiliency in Asia and Africa. Workshops, papers, panel discussions, and poster sessions are all welcome.

Deadline: 10 August 2011

Contact: ei-core@sfc.keio.ac.jp,

Event website: <http://bit.ly/p8qyw5>

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Opportunity

1. Vacancy at ICIMOD: Research Assistant for Hydrometeorological Analysis for HIMALA and HICAP

ICIMOD Headquarter, Khumaltar Lalitpur Nepal

Call for Applications

The Himalayan Climate Change Adaptation Programme (HICAP) is a regional programme with components on analysing climate change scenarios, water availability, and demand scenarios in various river basins and sub-basins in the HKH region. Hydro meteorological data analysis is an integral part of all three of these projects. Therefore ICIMOD is recruiting a Research Assistant for Hydro meteorological Analysis. One year (1 September 2011 - 31 August 2012), of which the first 3 months are probation, with a possibility of extension subject to future funding levels of ICIMOD.

Deadline: 11 August 2011

Contact: hrd@icimod.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/qJvncv>

2. Award: Best practice for the 2nd edition of the 'Water for Life': UN-Water Best Practices UNESCO headquarters, Paris France

Call for Nomination

The purpose of the Award is to promote efforts to fulfill international commitments made on water and water-related issues by 2015 through recognition of outstanding best practices that can ensure the long-term sustainable management of water resources and contribute to the achievement of internationally agreed goals and targets contained in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

Deadline: 30 September 2011

More at: <http://bit.ly/psd3ix>

3. Award: International Ashden Award for sustainable energy

Victoria Street, LondonBasu2468dev

Call for Application

Past international winners include fuel-efficient stove programmes; businesses selling solar home systems and lanterns; biogas schemes to replace fuel wood for heating and cooking; businesses producing biomass pellet from crop waste; and micro-hydro schemes.

Deadline: 18 October 2011

Contact: The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy Allington House, info@ashdenawards.org

More at: <http://bit.ly/9zvy0l>

4. Vacancy: WASH Field Manager, Sindh, Pakistan

Makli, Pakistan

Call for Application

Handicap International is present in Pakistan since 2005, in response to the earthquake. From then, Handicap International has implemented firstly emergency activities, leading to a longer term strategy implemented since then. In April 2009, offensive lasting months were launched by Government to wrest control of north-western districts from militants. Millions of persons were displaced by the conflict and returned a few months ago. Since then, there is still a lot of uncertainty on the stability of the area as threat of violence is constant, not to mention the confirmed presence of landmines, explosive remnants of war and other explosive devices. In November 2009, a conflict broke out in South-Waziristan.

Deadline: 15 August 2011

More at: <http://bit.ly/pttf87>

5. Vacancy: Water Programs Officer

East Africa, United States of America

Call for Application

As Water Programs Officer, you'll help oversee our programs in East Africa, reporting to our Director of Water Programs. You'll work with a small and hardworking team to make sure that charity: water's funds are invested in the most relevant and effective programs in East Africa. You'll help extensively vet implementing partners before agreeing to grants; you'll monitor work of charity: water-funded programs and you'll assist the Water Programs team in reporting back to our donors.

Deadline: 1 September 2011

More at: <http://bit.ly/pWYPmg>

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Organisations

1. Disaster Preparedness Network Nepal

Established in 1997, the Disaster Preparedness Network (DP-Net) as a loose association of individual organisations within the development sector in Nepal, which are concerned with disaster management is become a registered Network after a decade of successful network functioning in 2007.

URL: <http://bit.ly/q3nvhi>

2. Nepal Landslide Society (NELS) Kathmandu Nepal

Nepal Landslide Society (NELS) is a national non-governmental and non-profit professional scientific organization. It provides access to elements that are essential to the professional growth of scientists at all levels of expertise and from all sectors: academic, government, business, and industry. It has a common purpose to study the mysteries of our planet and share scientific findings related with natural disaster.

URL: <http://bit.ly/pW1ybk>

3. National Society for Earthquake Technology Nepal (N-SET) Kathmandu Nepal

NSET is Nepal's foremost institution working on earthquake risk management. Its seismic risk reduction activities are now being carried out in various parts of the world.

URL: <http://bit.ly/r5aVp4>

4. National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention (NIED) Ibaraki, Japan

NIED is contributing to the creation of a safe living environment through the development of efficient technology. It designs and conducts a wide range of research projects aimed to investigate the mechanism of how and when disasters occur, to study future changes in the earth's environment and to predict natural disasters caused by these changes.

URL: <http://bit.ly/r8a5Vt>

5. Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction, Middlesex UK

Global Network of Civil Society Organisations committed to working together to improve disaster risk reduction policy and practice at every decision-making level. Our strength lies in the commitment, diversity of skills and experience and extensive reach of our membership, particularly at the local level across virtually every region of the world.

URL: <http://bit.ly/p6XcPR>

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Resources

1. Aid Worker Diaries - One year on from Pakistan floods, older people are still struggling By Asma Akbar

URL: <http://bit.ly/riI8CK>

2. Green Flood Alert in Bangladesh

URL: <http://bit.ly/pc6fPh>

3. Africa Views - Disaster Risk Reduction is a priority in East Africa By Kelly Hawrylyshyn

URL: <http://bit.ly/qcGQL6>

- 4. Focusing on women in post-disaster initiatives by M Mizanur Rahman**
URL: <http://bit.ly/oKRNqI>
- 5. Symposium Report (2009) Estimating the recurrence interval and behavior of tsunamis in the Indian Ocean via a survey of tsunami-related sedimentation**
URL: <http://bit.ly/pvHxzb>
- 6. Water Adaptation in Afric - The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, 7 Millbank, London**
URL: <http://bit.ly/qG4xNj>
- 7. Development of estimation tools for earthquake ground motion**
URL: <http://bit.ly/nRFSZq>
- 8. Pakistan Floods: Timeline of Events (as of 21 July 2011)**
URL: <http://bit.ly/nAUyFU>
- 9. Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Floods Situation Report**
URL: <http://bit.ly/oxdqWu>
- 10. Myanmar: Earthquake DREF operation A Situation Report**
URL: <http://bit.ly/oMYOoN>

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